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Dear Mr. Brown:

Thank you for your letter of November 1, 1986 concerning your request for information on federal programs for small business.

In this regard, I have requested officials of the Ontario Regional Office of the Department of the Regional Industrial Expansion (DRIE) to contact you in order to explore in detail the avenues of assistance that may be available to you.

You should be aware that this Department administers the Industrial and Regional Development Program (IRDP) which may be a possible source of support for your company if you are manufacturing this product. I understand that Mr. N. Bacchus, (416) 365-3725, of the Department's Ontario Regional Office sent you an information package on the IRDP by mail on December 8, 1986.

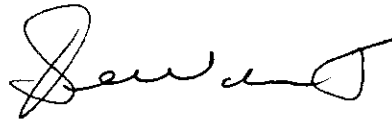
Assistance may also be available to your company through the Federal Business Development Bank (FBDB). Bank financing may be provided through loan or loan guarantees. In addition, the FBDB provides counselling and management training programs. For further information, you may wish to contact Mr. Frances Roy, Manager at the FBDB branch office at the following location:

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Federal Business Development Bank
280 Albert Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5G8
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May I take this opportunity to wish you every success with your venture.

Yours truly,



Bernard Valcourt

Physicians blame acid rain for some breathing problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — The raw materials for acid rain are worsening breathing problems among many people exposed to them, four physicians told a U.S. Senate subcommittee Tuesday.

"You must convince yourself that more than trees are dying," said one of them, Dr. Anthony Robbins, professor of public health at Boston University, appearing for the American Public Health Association. He is a past president of the group.

Robbins spoke at a hearing of the Senate environment and public works committee's subcommittee on environmental pollution. Senator George Mitchell (D-Me.), the subcommittee chairman, called the hearing as one of a series leading to action on bills to require major reductions in emissions of acid rain precursors.

The witnesses said there are no studies that would permit scientists to say a decrease in emissions by so much would yield so many fewer deaths or hospital admissions.

But there is no doubt that elevated concentrations of sulphur dioxide, oxides of nitrogen and ozone lead to increased hospital

admissions, they said.

Studies by the Harvard School of Public Health in six cities show increased pulmonary illness when sulphate mists are high, said Dr. Philip Landrigan, director of environmental and occupational medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City.

Similar results are seen in studies of children at summer camps in Pennsylvania and of children in southern Ontario. The Canadian findings are particularly important because they show the same pattern, summer after summer, of increased hospital admissions for asthma, bronchitis and other problems with increased pollution, he said.

"Considerations of cost and benefits pale when they are applied to the health of children," said Landrigan.

Air pollution is exacting "a staggering cost in morbidity and dollars," said Dr. Richard Narkewicz, a Burlington, Vt. pediatrician who is president-elect of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

He said physicians can only advise parents to keep children indoors during severe pollution.